

2006 Youthbuild NOFA

Office of Rural Housing and Economic
Development

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development

Funding

\$46 million available in 3 categories

PROGRAM PURPOSE

- Assists disadvantaged, at risk young adults in distressed communities in completing high school education
- Provides on-site construction training experiences
- Fosters leadership skills

PROGRAM PURPOSE

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- Promotes economic self-sufficiency
- Expands the supply of affordable housing for homeless, and low- and very low-income persons

Youthbuild Components

- **Basic Components:**
 - Educational & Job Training Services
 - Foster Leadership Skills
 - On-Site Construction Training
- **Optional Components:**
 - Entrepreneurial Training
 - Driver's Education

Eligible Applicants



Private, Non-Profit Organizations (e.g. CDC's, Community Action Agencies)



Public Non-Profit Organizations



Government Agencies
(including units of local government and local housing authorities)

Eligible Applicants (cont'd)

- Any entity eligible to provide education and employment training under other federal employment training programs defined at 24 CFR Part 585.4 (HUD's Youthbuild regulation, under "definitions")
- Indian tribes

Eligible Activities

- Lease, Acquisition, Rehabilitation or Construction of housing for training sites
- Relocation Payments
- Training and TA Needs
- Education, Job Training, Counseling, Employment Services, Leadership Development
- Wages, Benefits, Stipends
- Administrative Costs



Eligible Participants

- Very low-income high school drop-outs between the ages of 16 and 24
- Up to 25% may be above very-low income or be high school graduates, but have special educational needs

Category 1 (4.8 million)

- New applicants only (have not received a prior implementation grant)
- \$400,000 maximum
- 30 months

Category 2 (\$37.2 million)

- Any applicant can apply in this category
- \$700,000 maximum grant
- 30 months

Category 3 (\$3.9 million)

- Must meet the definition of Rural and Underserved
- \$400,000 maximum grant
- 30 months

Application Submission Date

- June 9, 2006
- Must be received by Grants.gov no later than 11:59:59 pm Eastern time

Electronic Submission Requirements

- Must be submitted electronically using www.grants.gov
- Waiver of electronic submission requirements discussed in General Section
- Applicants that requested and received a waiver must submit paper copy by U.S. Postal Service no later than 11:59:59 pm Eastern time on June 9, 2006

Electronic Submission Requirements (cont'd)

- For technical submission requirements, call Grants.gov help desk at 800-518-Grants or e-mail
- Support@grants.gov

Threshold Requirements

- Minimum score of 75 points needed to be considered for funding, along with at least 10 points in Rating Factor 1, Capacity of the Applicant
- Prior Youthbuild grant, execution date is greater than 24 months old, and have not drawn down at least 50% by June 9, not eligible for FY 06 award

The 5 Rating Factors

- #1: Capacity of Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience
- #2: Need/Extent of the Problem
- #3: Soundness of Approach
- #4: Leveraging Non-Housing Resources
- #5: Achieving Results & Program Evaluation

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Rating Factor #1

Capacity of Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience (20 points, minimum 10 points needed)

- Team member composition and experience (5 points)
- Organization structure (5 points)
- Achievement of Performance Outcomes (10 points)

Rating Factor #2

Need/Extent of the Problem (21 points)

- Poverty (5 points)
- Unemployment (5 points)
- high school dropouts, using status rate for high school drop-outs (8 points)
- Social and/or economic decline (3 points)

Rating Factor #3

Soundness of Approach (36 points)

- Coordination of elements (5 points)
 - Coordination of activities (2 points)
 - Self-sufficiency) (1 point)
 - Sustainability (2 points)

Rating Factor 3 (cont'd)

- Youthbuild Program Work Plan
 - Program Components (15 points)
 - Outreach strategy
 - Educational and job training services/activities
 - Leadership development
 - Support services
 - Follow-up assistance and support to graduates
 - On-site training
 - Strategy for Job Placement (2 points)

Rating Factor #3

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Housing Priority Points (10 points)

- Acquisition costs, architectural and engineering fees, construction and rehabilitation must be paid from non-Youthbuild grant funds to get the points
- Firm commitments must be provided, if cash, need a financial statement to support it

Rating Factor 3 (cont'd)

- Policy Priorities (4 points)
 - Defined in the General Section of SuperNOFA
 - Ending chronic homelessness (1 point)
 - Removal of regulatory barriers – need to complete Form 27300 (2 points)
 - Participation in Energy Star (1 point)

Rating Factor #4

Leveraging of Non-Housing Resources (10 points)

- Level of non-housing resources to augment Youthbuild grant funds will be evaluated
- Firm commitments must be provided
- Amount in letter must match amount on 4B Form



Rating Factor #5

- Achieving Results and Program Evaluation (12 points)
- Benchmarks of activities or products must be identified
- Performance indicators must be quantified
- Measure actual achievements against anticipated achievements
- Address this factor in narrative as well as complete the Logic Model form

RC/EZ/EC-Round II

BONUS POINTS

(2 points)

Certification that Youthbuild activities:

- are consistent with Strategic Plan
- will serve RC/EZ/EC-Round II residents
- be located in the RC/EZ/EC-Round II area

Obtain current list at:

[http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/
grants/fundsavail.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/fundsavail.cfm)